

MINUTES of Edgewood Community Advisory Board
Meeting Date: May 14, 2015

- A. Call to order: A board member meeting of the Edgewood Community Advisory Board was held in the Southern Police Precinct, Edgewood, Maryland on May 14, 2015. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Chair Lawrence K. Montgomery Jr. presiding, and Cara Middendorf, Secretary.

B. Roll Call.

Members in attendance:

- Lawrence Montgomery Jr, President
- Cara Middendorf, Secretary
- Christine Holthaus
- Kimberly Bean, Parliamentarian
- Diane Rucker Welsh
- Denise D. Montgomery

Members Excused:

- N. Quynh Budzynski, Vice President
- Jansen Robinson
- Karla Simon

Members not in attendance:

- Angela Peaker (Second unexcused without communication)

C. Pledge completed.

D. Prayer completed.

E. Approval of minutes:

Minutes sent out, minutes approved without request to make changes, previous changes addressed and stand approved.

F. Acknowledgments/Recognitions:

- Cynthia Lince (Legislative Aide to Slutzky)
- Andrew Tress (Citizens Affairs Specialist)
- Mike Perrone (Councilman District A)
- Donna Blasdel (Legislative Aide to Perrone)
- Sam Kahl (Chief of Staff for Sen. Robert Cassilly)
- Dion Guthrie

G. Old business/unfinished business:

- Identified different people present and representatives V.P, Secretary, and Parliamentarian all voted and accepted by ayes, no nays
- Maintain majority Board objectives as they are...make small changes
- Identified sub-committees and looking to find out which committees will be left and which one will be scratched
- Identified sub-committees focus on ; safe and secure and revitalization committee with sub committees under each committee
 - 1) **Safe and Secure Neighborhood Committee**
 - a. **Senior** (elderly) Issues Sub-Committee
 - b. **Youth** Sub-Committee

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- aa. Safety
- bb. Education
- c. **HOA and Apartment Managers Sub-Committee**
- 2) **Revitalization Committee**
 - a. Ministerial Alliance Sub-Committee
 - b. Historical /Cultural Sub-Committee
 - c. Special Events Sub-Committee
- Addressing the HOA issues within the communities...desire to have a voice of representation from the HOA's to attend
- Concern is that people are not aware of what is going on and who we are. Address this by talking to different people within the communities, go to the county website to find out which HOA are present, create different systems to try and make this happen
- H. New Business:
 - Due to summer break, we will continue to communicate through conference calls. Stressed importance to be on the same page about current concerns, topics and issues in front of the general public to create a unified front, reduces anxiety and time spent on subjects
 - Email Andrew Tress all pertinent information regarding ECAB info, forms, minutes, etc.
 - Meetings will resume sept 10 2015
 - Public input Harford Next meeting will be held during the summer
 - Other community boards are continuing to meet in June. We are encouraged to visit the link to view what the plans are, submit ideas to Andrew Tress in order to address and make changes to the master plan of Harford County.
 - Our goal between now and September is to identify HOA's and have them attend the first meeting in September, learn the community businesses, organizations, work on a directory of available resources groups etc. (with Cara and Kim Bean overseeing the directory); Visit other areas of the community and keep logs of considerations and problem and concerns to share with the rest of the board
- I. Board Committee Reports: No Committee Reports.
- J. Harford County Government Update:
 - i. *Lt. Saylor*
 - Nighttime burglaries in Woodbridge are up, going after things that are visible, purses, wallets etc, right by the doors, uptick in thefts from vehicles, tablets, things in plain sight, guidance is to lock cars!!!
 - Burglaries into vacant houses..taking out copper pipes, concerns of how to address 911 calls for a citizen
 - ii. *Mike Perrone*
 - Wants to look at data that is objective and show that the Livability Code can work, he is willing to look at it,
 - The road in front of Boys and Girls Club is being addressed..Washington Ct and Cedar Drive. The DPW will be taking steps to look into what it will take to fix the road long term.
 - Met with other HOA's: Woodbridge center, Trimble Woods, Van Bibber community; Looking into zoning concerns, and county budget...but he chose not to elaborate
 - iii. *Cynthia Lince*
 - working on the budget to figure things out by the 26 of May

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iv. *Andrew Tress*

- Sending out a unified template, modeled after county council, literature for Roberts Rules of Order for each board member, to allow new board members to know how they function, by the end of the month. Our minutes will be posted on Harford County Government website,
- will be working with other to create a positive spin on the community to address concerns

v. *Dion Guthrie*

- Council took on the issue about the Livability Code, or L.C. (which is about thirty years old), it is out of date. The code does not address responsibility of certain individuals...it is there but it is hard to say it exists because of today's issues, tried to get the code passed, committees met over the course of three to four months, looked at the state L.C. and county code to try and merge them; COMAR regulations made it very complicated; Introduced the bill in 1988, Guthrie will provide the actual copy of the bill,
- (Perrone was in the audience, testified against the bill)- State of MD was working on the overall L.C. which was withdrawn with possible conflicts with the state code. It was necessary for us to table the bill to because of the conflict with the state,
- He will try and address the actual conflicts later on with the comparison of the newest L.C. vs 1988 L.C. (date not mentioned or time frame)
- We should have had some research from Ron Chapman about sustainability codes. If the L.C cannot be fixed in the interim, we can figure out what we can do with the 1300 houses in the MD that are abandoned
- Raises the question to find out how many houses are vacant in Edgewood...how can we find out this answer? How do we inform the citizens to empower them to try and find better solutions?
- Trying to figure out the correct process of trying to get the banks to take accountability for the property management....it all comes down to L.C.

K. Comments from citizens:

- Questions raised in regards to how many people did you arrest, totals of areas, how much money, what types of drugs, how much drug money, what are they doing when they get there, try to find out more information on how to change the life of the citizens.
- Andrew will coordinate with precinct about getting more detail to the citizens (Some social networking app that can connect neighbors Next door..put which neighborhood you live in)
- Meeting scheduled for September 10, 2015
- That will be a regular meeting for all residents. In order to get more folks to come to meetings post flyers
- Continue to communicate via conference calls with other board members

L. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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Cara Middendorf
Acting Secretary
Edgewood Community Advisory Board

Date of approval: